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COMMERCE FOR BEWT/EEAD (ELLIS)

VIENNA FOR USEWTC

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SUBJ: MINING EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES TRADE MISSION

REF: STATE 47120

1. EMBASSY REPRODUCTION FACILITIES ARE WHOLLY INADEQUATE FOR PURPOSES DISCUSSED PARA 3 REFTEL AND LOCAL PRINTING ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD SIMPLY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET DEADLINES IMPOSED BY SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE MISSION'S ARRIVAL. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SINGLE-PAGE PRODUCT AND COMPANY DESCRIPTIONS BE FORWARDED TO US ASAP FOR TRANSLATION AND TRANSMITTAL TO USEWTC VIENNA FOR NECESSARY HIGH QUALITY PRINTING. OUR EARLIER EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT THIS WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF RESOLVING PRINTINGPROBLEM WITH MINIMUM OF ERROR AND CONFUSION. TRADE MISSION BROCHURES TRANSLATED AND PRINTED IN WASHINGTON HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN SATISFACTORY EITHER BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY HIGH INCIDENCE OF ERRORS IN TRANSLATION OR FAILURE TO INCLUDE DIACRITICAL MARKS (HACKY, CARKY, ETC.) IN PRINTING.

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2. EMBASSY EXPECTS TOTAL MAILING LIST WILL NOT EXCEED 100 NAMES. AS IN PAST, WE WILL SEND MISSION BROCHURES TO LOCAL INVITEES UNDER COVER OF LETTER SIGNED BY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AND TRUST THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY IN POUCHING BROCHURES FROM USDOC FOR FINAL MAILING WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY COB, THURSDAY, APRIL 10.

3. TOTAL OF FIFTEEN ROOMS, INCLUDING SUITE FOR MISSION DIRECTOR ELLIS, HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR MISSION MEMBERS AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF APRIL 20, 21 AND 22.

4. REGARDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ADVANCE MEN, WE HAVE RESERVED TRANSIENT APARTMENT IN EMBASSY STAFF HOUSE FOR ELLIS PERIOD APRIL 1-6; AND ONE ROOM FOR SMIT IS BEING RESERVED IN HOTEL JALTA DOWNTOWN FOR PERIOD APRIL 2-6. IF THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

5. EMBASSY PLEASED THAT JAMES ELLIS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ADVANCE MAN/MISSION DIRECTOR AND WILL ARRANGE USEFUL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR HIM WITH AS MANY INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AS POSSIBLE DURING THREE WORKING DAYS OF HIS VISIT. BEWT SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL SCHEDULING OF MISSION MEETINGS AND ITINERARY NOW IN PROGRESS AND WILL BE LARGELY IN PLACE WHEN ELLIS ARRIVES. MOREOVER, ELLIS VISIT COINCIDES WITH THAT OF CODEL BINGHAM (REPS. BINGHAM, BIESTER AND WHALEN) AND E/COM CHIEF ROBERT FARRAND WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR LATTER EVENT. SINCE FARRAND IS ALSO HANDLING PREPARATIONS FOR MINING EQUIPMENT T/M, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR ELLIS TO ATTEND MANY OF HIS MEETINGS ALONE OR IN COMPANY OF LOCAL COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT.

6. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE THUS FAR FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, APRIL 21

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0830 -- MISSION RECEIVED AT FEDERAL MINISTRY OF METALLURGY AND HEAVY ENGINEERING.

1000 -- GENERAL MEETING IN HOTEL JALTA. INDIVIDUAL TRADE MISSION MEMBERS TO MAKE SHORT PRESENTATIONS OF PRODUCTLINES, ETC., TO ASSEMBLED GROUP OF ABOUT 50 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ENTERPRISE

MANAGERS AND MINING TECHNICIANS. LUNCH
ON PREMISES FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL
MEETINGS, WITH INTERPRETERS.
(BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN RESERVING
SUITABLE HALL FOR GENERAL MEETING, EMBASSY
HAS COMMITTED MISSION TO USE OF LARGE
RECEPTION AREA IN JALTA HOTEL. TOTAL
COST, INCLUDING LUNCH AND RENTAL FOR
SIX HOURS, WILL BE 80 CZECH CROWNS PER
HEAD, OR APPROXIMATELY DOLS 600 IF 50 CZECHS
ATTEND. IF BEWT PERCEIVES PROBLEMS WITH
THIS FEE, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.)

1830 -- EVENING RECEPTION FOR MISSION MEMBERS AND
CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS AT EMBASSY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

0900 -- MISSION MEMBERS RECEIVED AT FEDERAL MINISTRY
OF FUELS AND POWER. (TENTATIVE)

1430 -- MISSION MEMBERS DIVIDE INTO SMALL GROUPS
FOR INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS AT APPROPRIATE FTOS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

MORNING FREE FOR MEETINGS AS ARRANGED BY
INDIVIDUAL MISSION MEMBERS.

7. GIVEN SHORT DURATION OF VISIT EMBASSY DOES NOT
RECOMMEND SIDE TRIP TO OSTRAVA, HEADQUARTERS OF MINING
INDUSTRY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, USEFUL AS THAT MIGHT BE.
WE WILL ENSURE THAT MOST KEY OFFICIALS IN MINING
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INDUSTRY TRUST LOCATED IN OSTRAVA ARE INVITED TO
PRAGUE FOR GENERAL SESSION AND RECEPTION DURING
EVENING.

8. IN APPARENTLY UNRELATED EVENT, ZENIT FOREIGN
TRADE REPRESENTATION AGENCY PHONED EMBASSY MARCH 12
WITH REQUEST FOR LOAN OF FILMS ON SUBJECT OF MINING
TECHNOLOGY. WE HAD NOT CONTACTED ZENIT ABOUT TRADE
MISSION, SO SUSPECT THIS REQUEST MAY STEM FROM
HEIGHTENED GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN DEVELOPING COAL
RESERVES IN WAKE OF PETROLEUM CRISIS AND JUST-ANNOUNCED
SOVIET PRICE HIKES FOR CRUDE OIL AND OTHER RAW
MATERIALS. MISSION MEMBERS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE
OF ZENIT'S REQUEST AND COME PREPARED TO SHOW (OR
LOAN) SUITABLE FILMS, AS APPROPRIATE. PERRY

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